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- **In-home education** usually within two weeks on lead sources, hazards control and nutrition.
- **Clinical and environmental questionnaire** to determine behavioral risks and environmental conditions.
- **Visual assessment** of painted surfaces and non-property sources (pots, spices, etc.).
- **Blood lead follow-up test reminders** as needed to ensure declining level.

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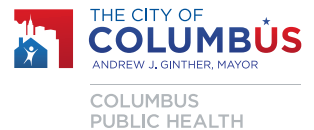
**How long does it take to perform an investigation?**

- **About 1.5 hours for educational intervention and 4 hours or longer for the risk assessment** if it is a large house. It will take up to a month to issue the report if it includes lead hazard control orders.

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- **No, usually temporary controls can be used** by the family to adequately reduce exposure until long-term controls are completed.

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